

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims below will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) Data transmission process, characterised in that:
  - a) at transmission:
    - the data to be transmitted is divided into N data blocks ( $B_1, B_2, \dots, B_N$ ),
    - these N blocks are processed in parallel in N M-ary orthogonal keying (MOK) modulation channels, each modulation using a group of spread codes, each channel outputting a signal ( $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_N$ ),
    - the N spread signals output by said N M-ary orthogonal keying modulation channels are combined in a combining circuit, and
    - the signal output by said combining circuit is transmitted,
  - b) at reception:
    - the signal received (R) is processed in N M-ary orthogonal keying (MOK) demodulation channels, giving N data blocks ( $B_1, B_2, \dots, B_N$ ),
    - said N data blocks are grouped together in series to reproduce the transmitted data.

2. (Previously Presented) Process according to claim 1, wherein the modulation and demodulation are comprised of M-ary bi-orthogonal keying (MBOK) modulation and demodulation.

3. (Previously Presented) Process according to claim 1, wherein the modulation and demodulation are comprised of M-ary orthogonal keying (MOK) modulation and demodulation combined with phase shift keying (PSK) modulation and demodulation.

4. (Previously Presented) Process according to claim 3, wherein the phase shift keying modulation and demodulation are comprised of differential phase shift keying (DPSK) modulation and demodulation.

5. (Previously Presented) Process according to Claim 1, wherein the number of spread codes is the same in each group.

6. (Previously Presented) Process according to Claim 1, wherein the spread codes used are all different from one group to another and the code numbers are equal to powers of 2.

7. (Currently Amended) Process according to [[to]] Claim 1, wherein certain spread codes are used in several groups.

8. (Currently Amended) A Transmitter, comprising: ~~for the implementation of the transmission phase of the process according to claim 1, characterised in that it comprises:~~

- means ~~[[to]]~~for divid~~[[e]]~~in the data to be transmitted into N data blocks ( $B_1, B_2, \dots, B_N$ ),
- means ~~[[to]]~~for processing the~~[[se]]~~ N blocks in parallel in N M-ary orthogonal keying (MOK) modulation channels, each modulation using a group of spread codes, and each channel emitting a signal ( $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_N$ ), and
- a combining circuit operable to combine the N spread signals output by said N M-ary orthogonal keying modulation channels,
- means ~~[[to]]~~for transmitt~~ing~~ the signal output by said combining circuit.

9. (Currently Amended) The Transmitter according to claim 8, wherein the modulation comprises an M-ary bi-orthogonal keying (MBOK) modulation.

10. (Currently Amended) The Transmitter according to claim 8, wherein the modulation comprises an M-ary orthogonal keying (MOK) modulation combined with a phase shift keying (PSK) modulation.

11. (Currently Amended) The Transmitter according to claim 10, wherein the phase shift keying modulation comprises a differential phase shift keying (DPSK) modulation.

12. (Currently Amended) A Receiver, comprising: ~~for the implementation of the reception phase of the process according to claim 1, characterised in that it comprises:~~

- means ~~[[to]]~~for processing ~~the~~ a signal received (R) in parallel in N M-ary orthogonal keying (MOK) demodulation channels, giving N data blocks ( $B_1, B_2, \dots, B_N$ ), and

- means ~~[[to]]~~for grouping these N data blocks together in series and reproduce the transmitted data.

13. (Currently Amended) The Receiver according to claim 12, wherein the demodulation comprises an M-ary bi-orthogonal keying (MBOK) demodulation.

14. (Currently Amended) The Receiver according to claim 12, wherein the demodulation comprises an M-ary orthogonal keying (MOK) demodulation combined with a phase shift keying (PSK) demodulation.

15. (Currently Amended) The Receiver according to claim 14, wherein the phase shift keying demodulation comprises a differential phase shift keying (DPSK) demodulation.

16. (Previously Presented) Process according to Claim 4, wherein the number of spread codes is the same in each group.

17. (Previously Presented) Process according to Claim 5, wherein the spread codes used are all different from one group to another and the code numbers are equal to powers of 2.

18. (Previously Presented) Process according to claim 1, wherein, at reception, the signal received (R) is processed in a group of P filters ( $11_1, 11_2, \dots, 11_P$ ) distributed in N groups of filters, these filters being adapted to the spread code of the different groups of spread codes used at transmission.

19. (Currently Amended) The Receiver according to claim 12, comprising P filters distributed in N groups of filters, these filters being adapted to the spread code of the different groups of spread codes used at transmission.